

**House File 415 - Reprinted**

HOUSE FILE 415  
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE  
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 155)

(As Amended and Passed by the House February 16, 2021)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring school districts and certain accredited  
2 nonpublic schools to administer the pledge of allegiance and  
3 to display the United States flag in the classroom during  
4 the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.  
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 280.5, Code 2021, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **280.5 Display of United States flag and Iowa state flag —**  
4 **pledge of allegiance.**

5 1. The board of directors of each public school district  
6 and the authorities in charge of each nonpublic school shall  
7 provide and maintain a suitable flagstaff on each school site  
8 under its control, and the United States flag and the Iowa  
9 state flag shall be raised on all school days when weather  
10 conditions are suitable.

11 2. The board of directors of each public school district  
12 shall administer the pledge of allegiance in grades one through  
13 twelve each school day. Every accredited nonpublic school  
14 shall administer the pledge of allegiance in grades one through  
15 twelve unless the authorities in charge of the school determine  
16 that the requirement conflicts with the school's religious  
17 doctrines. Each classroom in which the pledge of allegiance is  
18 recited pursuant to this subsection shall display the United  
19 States flag during the recitation. A student shall not be  
20 compelled against the student's objections or those of the  
21 student's parent or guardian to recite the pledge.